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NOTICE OF PENDING LEGISLATION

DATE

23 March 1956

LEGISLATIVE BILL NO.

S. 3477

SECTION I

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GENERAL

TO :

OGC - [REDACTED]
Dir/Personnel 25X1A9a

FROM: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

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☒ SENT FOR YOUR COMMENT AS TO WHETHER IT IS OF INTEREST TO CIA ACTIVITIES, AND WHETHER FURTHER ACTION BY THIS OFFICE IS NECESSARY OR DESIRED.

IT IS REQUESTED THAT COMMENTS CONCERNING THIS LEGISLATION BE FORWARDED, THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS, TO THIS OFFICE, BY

SECTION II

COMMENTS (From Original Addressee)

TO : LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

FROM: Office of General Counsel

1. The proposed bill should be beneficial to Agency employees without adversely affecting Agency activities. Whether or not the reporting requirements for accidents involving Agency personnel will present a security problem will depend upon the terms of the insurance policy and the provisions for reporting set up by the Administrator of General Services. It does not seem necessary or desirable for the Agency to request a provision in the bill excluding its employees from coverage under the insurance authorized therein. It should be possible to work out administrative procedures between this Agency and GSA to solve the security problems present in most cases.

2. It should be noted that the bill authorizes liability insurance covering employees using vehicles on official business regardless of the ownership of the vehicle. This will not change the necessity for the Agency to insure certain covert vehicles since this insurance is carried for security reasons, and the employee would be unable to claim coverage under the GSA policy for those reasons. It should also be noted that the insurance authorized by the bill will not provide coverage in foreign countries.

3. A bill submitted in the previous session of this Congress (H.R. 1492) would similarly protect employees in cases of liability arising out of the operation of motor vehicles on official business. The earlier bill, however, authorizes the United States to indemnify the employee rather than authorizing insurance. From the point of view of administration by this Agency in light of our peculiar security problems, the indemnification bill is probably preferable.

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